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TSUTSUI SEEKS PUBLIC COMMENT ON PROPOSAL TO PURCHASE THE 1.6-ACRE WAIEHU BEACH PARK

HONOLULU – Senator Shan S. Tsutsui (D-Central Maui) today announced that the Senate Committee on Business and Economic Development (BED) will hear Senate Bill (SB) 3110, his proposal that the state Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR) purchase the 1.6-acre Waiehu Beach Park.

"This is an open-space issue," said Senator Tsutsui. "If Wailuku Agribusiness is offering the land to the County of Maui and they don't want it, maybe the State should take a look at purchasing the parcel. We want to keep the park and the access it provides in the hands of the public."

The Senate committee on Business and Economic Development will hold a hearing on this proposal on Monday, February 6, 2006 at 2:45 p.m. in State Capitol Conference Room 414. Persons wanting to submit testimony should submit 25 copies of their testimony to the committee clerk, Room 228, State Capitol, 24 hours prior to the hearing. Testimony may also be faxed if less than 5 pages in length, to the Senate Sergeant-At-Arms Office at 586-6659 or 1-800-586-6659 (toll free for neighbor islands), at least 24 hours prior to the hearing. When faxing, please indicate to whom the testimony is being submitted, the date and time of the hearing, and the required number of copies needed for submittal.

If you require special assistance or auxiliary aids or services to participate in the public hearing process (i.e., sign language interpreter, wheelchair accessibility, or parking designated for the disabled) please contact the committee clerk 24 hours prior to the hearing so arrangements can be made.

The Business and Economic Development Committee Chair is Senator Will Espero, and members include, Vice Chair Carol Fukunaga, Senator David Y. Ige, Senator Ron Menor, Senator Norman Sakamoto, and Senator Gordon Trimble.

Tsutsui added, "This has been a community park for a very long time and I think there's a consensus that it should remain that way."

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